

It has been the purpose of the undersigned, from an early view of the condition of the road and the character of its funds, to *expend freely*, with an eye to economy, all the available means in improving the road; and he believes, that the result has justified his course.

He has erected a second toll-house and gate, which bids fair to repay, in the first year, the entire expense thereof, from travel that would otherwise enjoy the *free* use of a great portion of the road. He deems it essentially necessary, that a third toll gate be erected, (for which no law exists,) between the *centre and western end* of the road in Maryland; over which portion of the road, a rapidly increasing trade in *lumber and produce*, is carried on, free from toll, greatly to the prejudice of the *toll-paying community*; also, that a privilege be granted the toll collector, at gate No. 1, to collect through an agency at the narrows of Wills creek, *tolls* from that portion of the travel, that now use from *two to six* miles of the eastern end of the road, *gratis*. The *difficulty and cost* attending a supply of *good metal* on many suffering parts of the the road, calls for all the means that the road can honestly claim, and actuates the undersigned to make, wherever he judiciously can, *summer or side roads*, for the use of the travelling community, with a view to a future saving the wear of metal, at least, half the year.

He has the pleasure to announce the fact, that the road is *very much improved*, by the means of the last half year's operations; though means will be required, as fast as obtained, *to pay*, on the approaching close of some heavy undertakings. A heavy item of revenue, (though not now relied on,) is expected from the *mail contractors* on this route, so soon as similar claims of other States, now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, shall be finally acted upon.

J. HUDDLESON, *Superintendent*.